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### NEW ABSTINENCE EDUCATION CONSULTANT



Pamela Combes is the new Abstinence Education Consultant for the Bureau of Children, Youth and Families, Children & Families Section at KDHE. Pamela will manage the Kansas Abstinence Education Program and will provide consultation and technical support. Combes is a Kansas native and was born in Emporia. She graduated from Emporia State University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1991. Combes has taught at the junior & senior high and college level. Prior to coming to KDHE, Pamela worked at the Flint Hills Community Health Center, Emporia, as program director of a human sexuality program for Lyon and Chase counties. Combes is married and has three children.

You may contact Pamela at 785-291-3053 or [pcombs@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:pcombs@kdhe.state.ks.us).

### NEW FAMILY PLANNING CLINICAL CONSULTANT

Nadine Gail Chalman, BSN, ARNP, is the new Family Planning Clinical Consultant for the KDHE Title X FP Program. Gail received her BSN from California State University at Sacramento and her ARNP from the Harbor-UCLA Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program. She has provided health care both as a clinic nurse and ARNP in Family Planning Clinics in three states including Kansas. Most recently, she was one of two nurse practitioners in a busy OB/GYN practice in Manhattan. You may contact Gail at 785-296-8212 or [gchalman@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:gchalman@kdhe.state.ks.us).



## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING STORY

The role of the public health nurse is shifting to a population health practice model. Public health nursing continues to evolve in need and focus; especially with the decline in funding, difficulty in retaining public health staff and increased demands of preparedness planning.

Public health nursing requires nurses to be more responsive to community needs and to learn to work collaboratively toward creating healthier communities. Collaboration has become essential for public health nurses to achieve the required skills to enhance public health infrastructure. The sharing of best practices among Kansas Public Health Nurses provides an opportunity to advance the changing role of public health nursing.

Please share your public health nursing story and how public health nursing has affected your community.

### **Below are true encounters of a public health nurse in another state**

Because a public health nurse went to the home of the three little sisters with head lice, she discovered they really were too poor to own a comb. Because a public health nurse was out on the streets, she found the drug-addicted mother who had no refrigerator to keep her baby's formula safe; the paralyzed, elderly man trapped in an unheated apartment; the 6-year-old asthmatic living in a household of smokers; and the pregnant mother of two who had no way to get to the hospital and no idea how to give birth there. Because of the public health nurse and her partners, the girls were deloused, the asthmatic's family now smokes outside, the addict got a refrigerator and into treatment, the elderly man got a new apartment; and the pregnant mother got a free ambulance ride to the hospital and a diaper bag full of baby clothes.



*Please submit your public health nursing story with any photos to Public Health Connections and share public health nursing in Kansas. Anita Hodge, Editor, 785-368-8110 or [ahodge@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:ahodge@kdhe.state.ks.us) or Pat Behnke, Assistant to the Editor, 785-296-1232 or [pbehnke@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:pbehnke@kdhe.state.ks.us).*

## **DE SOTO CELEBRATES 150 ANNIVERSARY WITH KANSAS RIVER**

### **Access Point Made Possible by Brownfields Grant**



Inspired by the possibility of a dream becoming a reality, Lana McPherson detailed her community's desires for a Kansas River access ramp and city park during the exercise portion of the KDHE's Brownfields Workshop in Leavenworth on July 13, 2005.

McPherson (City Clerk and Chair of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee for the City of De Soto) previously had performed a community survey that indicated a strong desire to "get back on the river" as part of the community's 2007 sesquicentennial celebration. The city purchased two adjacent properties along the river for a future city park, setting the stage to incorporate a river access ramp and showcase both the ramp and the park as the centerpiece of the 2007 sesquicentennial.

McPherson submitted an application to KDHE on July 27 to have Brownfields Targeted Assessments (BTAs) conducted on the riverside properties located northwest of the city. KDHE's BTA program is funded through a federal grant and provides funding for Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments for redevelopment projects.

By early October 2005, Phase I BTAs were completed at both properties. Phase I assessments did not identify any environmental concerns on the western property, where a sand-dredging facility had operated for several years. Based on these findings, the city began design and construction of the boat access ramp on the south side of the Kansas River.

A Recognized Environmental Condition (REC) was identified for the eastern property due to historical and unregulated use as a public dump site. A Phase II BTA was completed and approved in mid-March 2006 by KDHE in time for the public celebration of the boat ramp completion on the western property.

Based on data collected during the Phase II BTA, there were no significant environmental impacts identified at the eastern property and, therefore, no additional environmental response was necessary. However, KDHE recommended that fill and dump areas present on the property be removed to eliminate potential safety hazards to workers building the city park and future recreational users. The city should coordinate with the KDHE Bureau of Waste Management to allow for safe redevelopment of the eastern portion for recreational use.

## GET A SCHOLARSHIP BY GETTING CAUGHT RECYCLING

*by Bill Bider, Director  
Bureau of Waste Management*



If you are like most Kansans, you probably recycle because you care about the environment and the conservation of limited natural resources. You or a family member or friend may also be looking for ways to pay for college, now or in the future. An opportunity is now available to all Kansans to put their recycling efforts to work and maybe earn a scholarship to help with the cost of college or other institutions of higher learning.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is currently partnering with Learning Quest to award ten \$500 scholarships and one \$2500 grand prize scholarship to persons who enter the Get Caught Recycling Contest. In addition, the first place winner in each county will win a \$100 cash prize. Contest entries will be judged by the KDHE Green Team, which is responsible for implementing environmentally friendly practices in state office buildings in Topeka.

To be eligible for these prizes, which will be announced at the State Fair this fall, you must submit an entry that

"catches" someone in the act of recycling in a photo or video. Entries may also express the importance of recycling using posters, essays or other methods. KDHE is hoping to receive numerous photo and video entries from which to produce a film that can be used to encourage all Kansans to follow the examples of their neighbors and adopt good recycling practices.

Recycling is important to all Kansans because it minimizes the amount of solid waste that must be landfilled. As it becomes more and more difficult to find locations for new landfills, it is becoming increasingly important to conserve the space in existing landfills. Recycling also conserves various energy and material resources, and it creates jobs to collect, process and transport recyclable materials.

Composting yard waste and plant-based kitchen scraps is a form of recycling. You can compost in your backyard or take waste to a community compost center. Either way, the volume of solid waste is reduced and a valuable resource is produced. So whether you drop off recyclable in a community bin, put recyclables on the curb for pickup, help set up a recycling program at your school or church, or produce rich compost in your backyard pile, you are making a difference for your Kansas environment. Let us know what you are doing by entering this contest and you may win a prize.

To learn more about this Get Caught Recycling scholarship contest, check out our special Website: [www.getcaughtrecycling.org](http://www.getcaughtrecycling.org) or call 800-282-9790. While visiting this site you will see many famous Kansans who have allowed us to catch them in the act of recycling because they know it is the right thing to do. All contest entries must be postmarked by August 21.



## NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR MIDWAY-KANSAS CHAPTER

The American Red Cross redevelopment project in Wichita, revitalized a Brownfields area in one of the city's industrial districts. The property, located at 1900 East Douglas Avenue, had previously been operated as an auto dealership and maintenance shop for more than four decades. The American Red Cross purchased the property in 2002 with plans to redevelop the property as the Midway-Kansas Chapter Headquarters. As part of the property transaction, an environmental assessment was conducted to research the past uses of the property and identify any potential source areas of contamination. The assessment identified multiple locations of potential petroleum hydrocarbon contamination on the property.



American Red Cross entered the Brownfields property into the Kansas Voluntary Cleanup and Property Redevelopment Program (VCPRP) to address the contamination. An investigation confirmed that the petroleum hydrocarbon impact was associated with trench drains and mud pits formerly located beneath the newly reconstructed office building at the southeast portion of the property. The identified contamination and potential costs associated with invasive remediation efforts jeopardized the entire redevelopment project.

Working together, KDHE and the American Red Cross developed a remediation plan that provided a positive outcome for all parties. The chosen remedy called for capping the contaminated soil beneath the newly reconstructed headquarters/office building and resurfacing the asphalt parking lots, as well as placing an Environmental Use Control (EUC) on the property with long-term monitoring. The American Red Cross used funds from a KDHE Brownfields Cleanup Grant to pay for a portion of the remedy. This approach alleviated environmental liability and exposure concerns, avoided costly reconstruction, allowed for offsite disposal or onsite treatment, and allowed redevelopment of the property to continue.

The time necessary to clean up the contamination through other costly remedial alternatives threatened to delay construction. Cooperation between KDHE and the American Red Cross allowed construction to continue without delay. Because the former trench drains and mud pits were excavated during construction of the main building, and building slab and asphalt parking lot areas were designed to effectively cap contaminated soil, the goals of limiting the exposure pathway to contaminated soil and immobilizing petroleum hydrocarbon contamination to protect groundwater were achieved. These efforts will ultimately allow KDHE to issue a 'No Further Action' determination for the property. Additionally, redevelopment activities at American Red Cross Midway-Kansas Chapter Headquarters have aided in revitalizing the East Douglas industrial district of Wichita.

### REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

**Central Region:** Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hutchinson 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 27      Nov. 21

**North Central Region:** Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for meeting locations. Dates are:

Aug. 22      Oct. 24      Dec. 19

**Northeast Region:** Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 14      Dec. 14      Mar. 8, 2007      June 14, 2007      Sept. 13, 2007      Dec. 13, 2007

**Northwest Region:** Meetings are held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. Contact Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for a lunch reservation at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 10      Oct. 12      Dec. 7

**South Central Coalition:** Meetings are held 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Barn, Pratt. Contact Mitzi Hesser at 620-723-2136 if you have any questions.

Sept. 1      Nov. 3

**Southeast Region:** Meetings are held 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 W 7<sup>th</sup>, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 3      Nov. 9

**Southwest Region:** Meetings are held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9<sup>th</sup>, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 15      Nov. 17



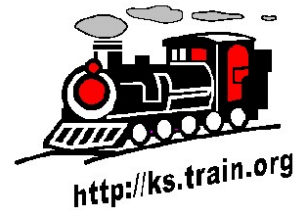


## KS-TRAIN TIPS

**KS-TRAIN TIP:** Update your Learning Record to verify that you have received your "IS 700 NIMS" or "ICS 100" certificate, email [dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us) to verify your training record as completed.

**Live Events Posted on KS-TRAIN** <http://ks.train.org> (Not all courses/dates/sessions that are posted on KS-TRAIN are listed below)

- ✚ [KDHE: Indoor Air Quality Training](#), Multiple dates/sites, Aug.
- ✚ [KS-TRAIN Course Provider & Administration Training](#), Aug. 10, Hays; Sept. 7, Salina
- ✚ [Preparing for Burn Disasters](#), Multiple dates/sites, Aug.
- ✚ [Incident Command System, ICS 300](#), Aug. 21-22, Manhattan
- ✚ [KDHE: Public Water Supply Tabletop Exercise](#), Aug. 22, Lawrence
- ✚ [Healthy Start Home Visitor Fall Training](#), Multiple dates/sites, Aug.-Dec.
- ✚ [HIV/STD Basic Training Course \(LIVE\)](#), Aug. 23, Salina
- ✚ [HIV/STD/TB Issues in Corrections #4](#), Sept. 14, Wichita
- ✚ [Home Visitation Training](#), Sept. 12, Dodge City
- ✚ [KPHA 2006 Conference: Speaking a Common Language the New Voice of Public Health](#), Sept. 27-28, 2006, Topeka



### FREE Web-based Courses Available:

- ✚ [HIV Counseling and Testing - Kansas Update 2006](#) - This course is designed to be taken as the annual update for counseling and testing site personnel. Topics include: HIV Rapid Testing, PEMS reporting and Hepatitis C testing requirements.
- ✚ [EPI-X Security Training](#) - All *Epi-X* users are required to complete User Security Training and indicate electronically that they agree to the terms of the user agreement. The training should take less than 20 minutes to complete. You will be required to renew this training annually. By the end of the training you will understand why security is important for *Epi-X*; explain how to manage your digital certificate; explain how to exercise your *Epi-X* responsibilities; and sign the *Epi-X* user agreement. The training has three modules. After each module, you will take a quiz.
- ✚ [KDHE: Pandemic Influenza Symposiums-Industry & Business](#) - This course is the video taping and handouts from the June 23 training in Wichita. Speakers for the event were: Howard Rodenberg, MD, MPH, Director of Health, Kansas Department of Health & Environment; Mike Doble, Vice President, Strategic Communications, Raytheon; and Terry Bieberly, Sales Manager, TelCove of Wichita.

The KDHE and the Kansas Adjutant General's Department hosted a series of pandemic influenza symposiums across the state to address pandemic influenza preparedness. Each symposium focused on a particular area of society. These meetings were designed to improve awareness about pandemic influenza and to share information about the specific roles and responsibilities for the various critical sectors that will be involved in the pandemic response.

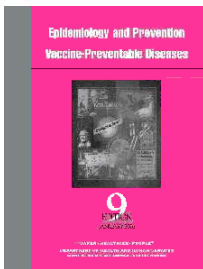
The symposiums provided opportunities for government and policy makers, businesses, public sector agencies, faith-based organizations, agriculture and healthcare to participate in pandemic preparedness and to discuss the issue in a context highly pertinent to their unique perspectives.

Officials estimate that a third to half of the workforce in Kansas could be affected by pandemic influenza, or off work for weeks at a time if government officials were to effectively shut down commercial operations as a part of pandemic influenza community containment efforts. The symposiums provided examples of how to plan to keep your business going during a pandemic, including what role your business might have during a pandemic and what role it might play in minimizing the impact locally.



## DO YOU HAVE YOUR PINK BOOK?

### July is National Immunization Awareness Month!



Recent outbreaks of mumps in the Midwest have made it even more important to be aware of new CDC immunization recommendations. The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pink Book (Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases) is now available through the Public Health Foundation's Learning Resource Center at [http://bookstore.phf.org/product\\_info.php?cPath=45&products\\_id=463](http://bookstore.phf.org/product_info.php?cPath=45&products_id=463). The 9th edition provides physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and others with comprehensive information on vaccine-preventable diseases.

New recommendations apply to Pertussis (licensure of Tdap and recommendations for its use), Meningococcal (licensure of conjugate vaccine and recommendations for its use), and Hepatitis A (universal recommendation for children 12-23 months and reduction of minimum age from 2 years to 12 months). Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella are updated to acknowledge the licensure of MMRV. The Pink Book is published by the National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



## CONFERENCES/TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

### Billing Workshops

**NE Billing Group** meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:  
Aug. 3      Nov. 2      Feb. 1, 2007      May 3, 2007      Aug. 2, 2007      Nov. 1, 2007

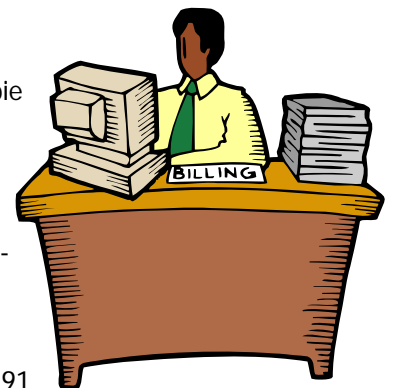
**Billing Biddies** meets 9 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:  
Sept. 6      Dec. 6

**Billers Anonymous** meets 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:  
Aug. 9      Nov. 8

**Mission Impossible Group** meets 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:  
Aug. 24      Nov. 21

**KUG's** For more information, contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191  
[mmiller@satantahospital.org](mailto:mmiller@satantahospital.org).

**Billers-R-Us** meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390. Upcoming dates:  
Oct. 10



### Indoor Air Training to Be Given Throughout Kansas

Would you like to learn more about how to respond to inquiries from the public about mold, moisture and other indoor air problems?

The KDHE's Bureau of Air and Radiation, and the Wichita City Health Department will be holding four-hour training sessions during August. Sessions are to be held at KDHE districts, and are free-of-charge.

Training will be for health department personnel, county sanitarians, child care licensure personnel, KDHE staff, extension office personnel, and other interested workers in Kansas who want information about solving indoor air problems.

Training session schedule:

**August 1 - Chanute** Tuesday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
 1500 W. 7<sup>th</sup>, Kansas Room  
 Enter main SRS entrance with circle drive  
 KDHE contact: Jon Anderson 620-431-2390

**August 8 - Hays** Tuesday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
 601 Main Street, Extension Office Conference Room  
 KDHE contact: Dan Wells 785-625-5663

**August 9 - Dodge City** Wednesday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
 301 W. McArtor, Conference Room  
 KDHE contact: Al Guernsey 620-225-0596

**August 17 - Salina** Thursday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
 2025 E Iron, Troop J Administration Building  
 Use lower parking area, walk to top of hill; circle drive  
 Sign in sheet in front lobby. No shorts or hats.  
 KDHE contact: Debbie Whitmer 785-827-9639

Please pre-register: You can sign up at <http://ks.train.org>. If you do not have access to Kansas Train, please send an email to [jbarrett@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:jbarrett@kdhe.state.ks.us).

### **KAN Be Healthy Nursing Accreditation**



Kan Be Healthy, KBH, workshop will be held Sept. 12 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Washburn University's Benton Hall Room 407B. Registered nurses of the Kansas State Board of Nursing who are interested in KAN Be Healthy Nursing credentials to do wellness checks on children up to age 21 should contact Washburn University Division of Continuing Education for information and approval.

This classroom style, four-hour training session will discuss components of the orientation training manual. Following the training session and successful completion of the quiz, the

registered nurse will be notified of "approved" status, to provide KAN Be Healthy screenings. Cost is \$50 for the manual and open book test with four contact hours.

For registration information, contact Washburn University Division of Continuing Education, Joanne Ramberg, Coordinator KAN Be Healthy Program at 785-670-1399 or visit: [www.washburn.edu/ce/health\\_care](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/health_care).

### **Kansas Annual Immunization Conference**

The KDHE Immunization Project, is pleased to present the Kansas Annual Immunization 2006 Conference. This year's conference, "Healthy Kids in the Heartland," is designed to improve the immunization delivery system within Kansas by providing the most current information regarding immunization recommendations, preparing for emerging infections, and dealing with challenging issues and situations. The conference will be oriented toward physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care professionals interested in pediatric and adult immunizations. Scheduled speakers include physicians, public health officials and pharmacists. Continuing education credit hours have been approved for physicians, pharmacists and nurses.



The conference will be held in Wichita on Sept. 19 - 21, at the Hilton Wichita Airport – Executive Conference Center. For questions and/or to register, please call KUMC AHEC at 620-235-4040. The pre-registration deadline is August 31. The Hilton Wichita Airport is located at 2098 Airport Road, Wichita. For hotel reservations, call 316-945-5272.

## **Speaking a Common Language: The New Voice of Public Health KPHA 2006 Conference:**

**September 26-28 - Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka**



The Kansas Public Health Association 2006 Conference will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka on Sept. 26-28. The conference will focus on creating a common language for public health in communities and in the workforce. There will be approximately 20 breakout sessions to give you the opportunity to learn about all the activities within public health that is uniting and working to produce the same message throughout all of our health networks in Kansas. With the Kansas Health Foundation grants to KPHA and KALHD, this effort began from a vision and is now becoming a reality. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet, learn, and share with colleagues during these exciting times in public health. As the largest and oldest state public health organization, KPHA has once again planned a terrific conference. You can register for the conference through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. Click the following link to download the conference agenda [www.kpha.us/pdfs/2006\\_registration\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.kpha.us/pdfs/2006_registration_brochure.pdf).

### **3rd Annual Diabetes Quality of Care Conference October 2-3 at the Radisson Broadview Hotel, Wichita**

This conference will provide a unique experience for those interested in improving the quality of care for people with diabetes. The content of the conference will enhance understanding and increase knowledge about diabetes standards of care related to clinical and programmatic perspectives. This conference is designed primarily for physicians, nurses, medical managers, medical staff as well as other team members involved in providing care for patients with diabetes.

Registration is \$75 and the deadline is September 18. Registration covers meals, breaks, materials and admission to all sessions. Limited walk-in registration will be available, however, meals will not be guaranteed.

The conference will be held at the Radisson Broadview Hotel, Wichita. A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference rate of \$72 for single or \$82 for double, per night plus tax, if your reservation is made by September 1.

Continuing Education Credits are available. For physicians: KU Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education designates this educational activity for a maximum of 13 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Nurses will receive continuing education credits of 15.4 contact hours.

For more information contact Kate Watson, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, 785-291-3739 or [kwatson@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:kwatson@kdhe.state.ks.us).

### **International Symposium on Usher Syndrome and Related Disorders**



Colleagues interested in combined hearing and vision loss are invited to Omaha, Neb., on October 4-6 to attend a symposium on Usher Syndrome and related disorders. This conference is designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas between clinical researchers and basic scientists to improve our understanding of the normal and pathologic processes that are involved in combined hearing and vision loss disorders. This is the first symposium of what will be a continuing sequence of meetings on the subject.

The symposium will involve keynote presentations by leaders in the field, free oral papers and poster sessions. Oral presentations will be cast live over the Internet and will be available as published material to scientists, clinicians and the public. Boys Town National Research Hospital Omaha and Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden are sponsoring this symposium. For additional information including agenda, registration, lodging and travel visit:

[www.sahlgrenska.se/vgrtemplates/Page\\_38539.aspx#](http://www.sahlgrenska.se/vgrtemplates/Page_38539.aspx#)





## GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: [www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm](http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm)



### Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

[www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training](http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training)



### KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training:

[www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training)

### Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp) Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator, at 785-296-3641 for assistance.

### Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza: [www.pandemicflu.gov/](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/)

### Public Health Emergency Training

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

**Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media.** Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sept. 2005

[www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/](http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/)

### Area Health Education Centers



Look for AHEC's Web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at [www.kdhe.state.ks.us](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us) under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

**NW Kansas** – Register or call 785-628-6128

**SW Kansas** – Register or call 620-275-0259

**SE Kansas** – Register or call 620-235-4040

### To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore: <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs: [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp)

### Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA

[www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html](http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html)

### Risk Communication Courses:

[www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html) or in Spanish

[www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html](http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html)

## Nursing Education

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** [www.fhsu.edu/nursing](http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing)

**KU Nursing:** KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:  
[http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Wichita State University:** online RN to BSN:  
[http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp\\_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program-** [www.washburn.edu/sonu](http://www.washburn.edu/sonu) or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:  
[zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

**ANA's Web site:** [www.RNCE.org](http://www.RNCE.org)

## Other Continuing Education Online

**The WALD CENTER:** [www.waldcenter.org](http://www.waldcenter.org)

**The Public Health Training Network:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp)

**KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:** <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings  
[www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx](http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx)

**The MMWR Continuing Education Program:** [www.cdc.gov/mmwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr)

**MPH Kansas:** <http://mph.kumc.edu>

**National Library of Medicine –** [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)

**CDC BT Training –** [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp)

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:** [www.uic.edu/sph/prepare](http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare)

**Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:**  
[www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc\\_preparedness.htm](http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm)

**Centers for Public Health Preparedness:**  
[www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp)

**Public Health Training Centers:** <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:**  
[www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp)

## Public Health Workforce Competencies

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**  
[www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf](http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf)

**Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:** [www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm](http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm)

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